

Public Safety
Committee Review

EMERGENCY COOLING CENTERS AND SHELTERS

OBJECTIVES



ENHANCE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
FOCUS ON COOLING AND WARMING
CENTERS TO SAFEGUARD RESIDENTS DURING
EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS.



MEET LEGAL COMPLIANCE, ADDRESS
ASSEMBLY BILL 782 REQUIREMENTS FOR PET-
FRIENDLY EMERGENCY FACILITIES.



EVALUATE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS,
DISCUSS THE ADDITION OF AN EMERGENCY
GENERATOR AND ALTERNATIVE FACILITY
SOLUTIONS.

ASSEMBLY BILL 782 COMPLIANCE

Ensuring Pet-Friendly Emergency Centers

Legal Requirement mandates at least one designated emergency shelter, cooling, or warming center to accommodate pets.

The **Palm Desert Library** and **Portola Community Center** are designated as pet-friendly facilities.

Operational Challenges are the facilities without generators or city ownership face constraints meeting full compliance during emergencies.

COMMUNITY NEEDS



Understanding Local Challenges



Heatwaves significantly endanger populations without access to air conditioning



Power Outages disrupt and impact daily life, from communication to critical medical equipment.



Flooding, strong winds, and earthquakes exacerbate safety risks and necessitate robust emergency shelters/.

EXISTING LOCATIONS

Not equipped with a Generator:

- Palm Desert Community Center
- Portola Community Center
- Palm Desert Library
- California State San Bernardino – Palm Desert Campus

Equipped with a Generator:

- Joslyn Center (Ages 55 & Older)

- <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/7a7fc6e4dd48469fae605c1e1906035a>

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS



ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN
SUPPORTS THE CITY PRIORITY 1:
ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES



RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT
APPROVE \$500,000 FOR GENERATOR
INSTALLATION AT THE PALM
DESERT COMMUNITY CENTER



ALTERNATIVE OPTION
CONSIDER FUTURE PARKVIEW
LIBRARY AS A DESIGNATED
EMERGENCY FACILITY.

THANK YOU

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